

## AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please amend claim 20 as follows:

20. (Amended) A therapeutic composition for administration via the pulmonary airways comprising substantially dry, discrete microcapsules having a solid wall formed of a non-denatured, water-soluble wall-forming material, wherein said microcapsules are hollow [and substantially smooth and spherical] and have a mean size of between 1 and 10  $\mu\text{m}$ , and a therapeutically effective amount of a therapeutic or diagnostic agent;

wherein the wall forming material optionally is the therapeutic or diagnostic agent.

## REMARKS

Claim 20 has been amended, without prejudice or disclaimer. Support for amended claim 20 appears, for example, on page 6, lines 1-2 of the present application. A copy of the claims as amended is provided for the Examiner's convenience in the attached Appendix A.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner has requested an election of species under 35 U.S.C. § 121, between:

group a) "amino or polyamino acid; or protein, peptide or enzyme; or human protein or fragment or recombinant therefore; or protein with a NH, CO, OH or SH retained functional group;" and

group b) "carbohydrate".

Applicants here by elect the species of group a). Claims readable on this species include claims 20-29.